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Submitted herewith for the information and assistance of the Bureau are two copies of a letter prepared by J. B. STONER, Attorney-at-Law, addressed to JAMES EARL RAY. It is to be noted contents of letter suggest very strongly that J. B. STONER will arrive in Memphis and will make efforts to talk to subject RAY.

There are also enclosed two copies of letter which appears to have been prepared by JERRY RAY to his brother JAMES EARL RAY. In this letter, JERRY indicates he has spoken with J. B. STONER and that STONER has indicated he didn't want a penny for helping JAMES EARL RAY. Of particular significance is the implied criticism of WILLIAM BRADFORD HUIE because of his stand on race relations. HUIE, as the Bureau knows, considers himself a liberal on race relations in Alabama. Apparently JERRY's discussions with J. B. STONER disclose that J. B. STONER felt it would be a good idea for JAMES EARL RAY to take the stand.

The Bureau will be kept advised of other developments.

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September 20, 1968

Mr. James Earl Ray
Shelby County Jail
Memphis, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Ray:

I have just received your letter of September 18 requesting that I visit you in Memphis. Please excuse me for failing to answer your earlier letter, but I was in Kentucky where I am now representing eight innocent men who are falsely charged with murder.

I will leave Savannah next Wednesday and will head straight to Memphis to see you as soon as I stop off in Atlanta for one day. I will be at the jail to see you either next Friday or Saturday. Of course, if it is absolutely necessary for me to see you sooner, please advise and I will fly out to see you.

It is nice of you to offer to pay me, but that will not be necessary. I am willing to render any legal services that you request, free of charge.

As soon as you receive this letter, please write a letter to Judge Battle and ask him to please tell the officials at the jail to allow me to visit you when I arrive at the jail. Also, please send a letter to the Sheriff, or whoever is in charge of your jail and notify them that you wish for me to visit you on legal business. If they will let you use the phone, please call me.

With best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours,

J. B. Stoner

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••• VIA AIR MAIL

Mr James E. Ray
Shelby County Jail
Memphis, Tenn

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Dear Jimmy:"

I recieved your letter yesterday morning and talked to Stoner over the phone a few hours after receiving your letter

I cont tell you every word he told me as unlike our other conversation this one was long, he talked for at least Fifteen minutes

Hes very much interested in your welfare and he said everything he does for you will be for nothing as he dosent wont a cent.

I am not going to say very much concerning our conversation as he said that he had just sent a letter to you asking you to ask the Judge for permission to visit you. so you will proabley get that letter before this one. He did seem kind of unhappy about Huie writing that book on account of his past Books and his stand on Race Relations. He also thought it would be a good idea

: Jerry

if you took the stand. He figures on visiting you sept 27. He also said it was against the Law for him to advise you on Legal Matters being you have a Lawyer.

The Reason he didn't write to you sooner was because he was in Kentucky.

I'll call Foreman up monday and if I get hold of him then I'll write you the same day, if not I'll keep calling and will let you know as soon as I talk to him personally I hope Foreman agrees to see you and his advice would mean a lot.

like I said in my last letter if anything comes up where you want to see Jack or I about anything just let us know, also if you want us to see Hanes, Huey or stoner and they cant make it up here then we could meet them in Memphis. I'll Close for now, will write again just as soon as I talk to Foreman - Carol & Jack are okay.

as ever Brother Jerry Ray.